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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!

TxDOT to replace FM 1260 bridge

The \$6.6 million FM 1260 bridge replacement project in Donley County continues with the south bridge set for demo on Monday, April 7.

TxDOT says the contractor, C.E. Barker, LTD., will have an access road for local traffic during the project. Drivers are reminded to use caution when traveling through the work zone.

The estimated completion date of the project is March of 2026.

Blood drive to be held next Tuesday

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a community blood drive in Clarendon next Tuesday, April 8 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Bloodmobile at Lowe's Family Center.

Appointments to donate can be made online at obi.org or by calling 877-340-8777. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Open forum set for US 287 bridge work

TxDOT officials and contractors will be holding an open forum Tuesday, April 22, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Mulkey Theatre regarding an upcoming project to replace the US 287 bridge over the drainage canal in downtown Clarendon.

The current bridge was constructed in the 1920s and work is expected to begin this summer to replace that structure.

City officials and local business owners are invited to come address questions and/or concerns with the Prime contractor and/or TxDOT.

Sign-ups continuing for April 26 5K race

Registration remains open for the 13th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K to be held Saturday, April 26.

The Clarendon Lions Club is hosting the event again in memory of the late Chance Mark Jones in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Registration is \$30 per person and can be done in person at the Clarendon Visitor Center inside Mulkey Theatre or at the Enterprise. Online registration is available at ClarendonTX.com.



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Clarendon, Hedley to review drought rules Greenbelt enters Stage 4 of drought contingency plan

Clarendon and Hedley city councils will be reviewing and updating their policies next week in preparation for going into Stage 4 of their Drought Contingency Plans.

Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority notified its members cities last week that the Greenbelt Board of Directors voted March 18 to go into the authority's Drought Contingency Plan Stage 4.

In the letter to member cities,

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd said the trigger for entering Stage 4 is when the reservoir reaches an elevation of 2615 feet above sea level.

The lake was at 2614.67 at the time of the letter. As of Tuesday afternoon, Greenbelt was at 2614.55 feet above sea level.

"The Board and I have serious concerns about the availability of surface water from the reservoir

without some really substantial rainfall this spring and summer," Kidd wrote.

In order to come out of Stage 4, the lake will have to get above 2615 for a 30-day period.

The City of Childress activated its Stage 4 plan last week, and Greenbelt expects Crowell and Quanah will be responding soon as well.

Officials with Clarendon and

Hedley said they were updating their plans with action to be taken by city councils during their April 11 regular meetings.

In addition to surface water from the Greenbelt Reservoir, the water authority utilizes several groundwater sources near the lake and also purchases groundwater from the City of Clarendon.

Greenbelt purchased 2,800 acres of groundwater rights in north-

ern Donley County in 2017 and has begun an \$18 million project to construct three water wells, well field piping, electrical distribution equipment, and a 12-mile transmission line to transport water to its existing water treatment plant.

The City of Howardwick is not affected by Greenbelt's Drought Contingency. That city receives its water from local wells managed by Red River Water Authority.



Griddle masters

Brance and Jackie Bell cook pancakes Saturday during the annual breakfast/lunch fundraiser for the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the Associated Ambulance Authority. Organizers said they were still calculating the final numbers for the event, which saw a big crowd of not only local residents but many of the attendees at the Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest. Fireman Chuck Robertson said they ran out of meat at one point and had to get more to accommodate the large turnout.

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Local jobless rate steady in February

Jobless claims in Donley County remained steady in February and were lower than the same period one year ago, according to information from the Texas Workforce Commission.

February's local unemployment rate of 4.4 percent reflected a workforce of 1,511 with 66 people looking for work. That's the same percentage as in January when 64 people were jobless out of a workforce of 1,453.

Looking back one year, the Donley County jobless rate in February 2024 was also 5.0 percent with 72 people looking for work.

Hall County's unemployment rate for February was 5.1 percent with 58 people looking for work out of a workforce of 1,075. That's up from 4.8 percent in January when 53 people were jobless and the workforce numbered 1,093.

In the broader Panhandle region, the unemployment rose slightly to 3.4 percent in February 2025 from 3.3 percent in January, yet remains below Texas' statewide average.

The Panhandle area labor force expanded by 6,256 people over the year, hitting 217,535 in February 2025, up from 211,279 in February 2024. Regional employment is up by 6,247 jobs, growing from 203,829 to 210,076, showing job seekers are landing roles.

The Texas labor market continued to achieve record highs for both jobs and the civilian labor force in February. The state added 20,100 positions over the month to reach a total of 14,254,200 non-farm jobs. Texas added 182,300 jobs from February 2024 to February 2025.

Donley, Hall businesses eligible for SBA disaster loans

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced the availability of low interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Texas who sustained economic losses caused by the drought beginning Nov. 1, 2024.

Donley and Hall counties are among the long list of Texas counties eligible for the SBA loans. Other counties include: Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Carson, Childress, Clay, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson,

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Sutton, Swisher, Terrell, Throckmorton, Titus, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Young and Zavala in Texas, as well as Doña Ana, Eddy, Lea and Otero counties in New Mexico, and Beckham, Bryan, Choctaw, Cotton, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Love, Marshall, McCurtain and Tillman counties in Oklahoma.

Under this declaration, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs with financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers,

except for small aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

"Through a declaration by the US Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover," said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. "We're pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by these disasters."

The loan amount can be up

to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and 3.625% for PNPs, with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due, until 12 months after the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Submit completed loan applications to SBA by November 25.

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HB 1080 attacks public’s right to be informed

To anyone who says, “Newspapers are dead,” I say, “Sit at my desk the Monday after the post office sends a bundle of newspapers to Fort Worth by mistake.”

I say, “Answer my phone when someone has a neighbor whose dog ate their paper.”

I say, “Do my job when someone forgot to renew their subscription on time and, all of a sudden, realized they didn’t get their paper that week.”

The latter two incidents are far more common than the former, but they all occur from time to time. When they do, I field calls from frustrated readers looking for their paper.

Though I never want folks to miss their paper, I get encouraged by the number of people who really do miss their newspaper.

Community newspapers are more vital than ever to ensuring the public’s right to know. They are an integral pillar of conversation and discourse and serve a role vital to the exercise of a free democracy.

Alas, though, the Texas Legislature is in session again and – again – there are more attacks on the public’s right to know by attempting to circumvent the public notice requirements in newspapers.

We’ve heard the excuses before; generally, politicians make these three arguments:

“1. Nobody reads newspapers anymore. 2. Since nobody reads newspapers, nobody reads public notices.

3. Public notices are an expensive inconvenience and an unfair subsidy for newspapers.”

Rep. Pat Curry (R-Waco) seems to agree. He has authored HB 1080.

Although this bill would still allow newspapers as an option for notice, government officials could select an alternative to newspaper including Facebook, governmental websites, school newspapers, neighborhood newsletters, free-distribution shoppers and utility bills.

On the surface, this may sound feasible – but it is another flawed attempt to curtail the public’s right to know.

Authors of bills like these seem to forget the plight of lack of broadband access in rural areas.

Many communities served by local newspapers do not have access to rural broadband internet.

Those that do have high poverty levels that make connectivity unattainable for folks who can otherwise afford an annual subscription to their community newspaper.

Simply posting something to the county website does not guarantee the public will be able to see it.

Can we really trust a Facebook algorithm to reach our intended audience?

Neighborhood newsletters do not carry the same legal standard of publication as do professional newspapers.

Another such effort was derailed several years ago after the Grayson County Commissioners Court – along with others across the state – passed a proclamation in opposition to any such legislation that would repeal or amend newspaper public notice standards.

They agreed the idea of eliminating notices from newspapers is dangerous.

Such abolitions of newspaper public notices appeal to some officials for three reasons they’d never admit: 1. Notices in newspapers absolutely DO get noticed by citizens 2. Sometimes those public notices make voters mad. 3. When they get mad, those voters give officials an earful. Life is much easier when they can do things without anyone noticing, and newspaper notices make it impossible to be invisible. If you’re a public official, public notices can be inconvenient.

When it comes down to it, the newspaper public notice is still a bargain that works well in print.

This is both a business issue and personal issue for me. I am a proud owner and publisher am the publisher of my hometown Texas newspaper.

My family is dedicated to continuing the legacy of exceptional community journalism that dates to 1877.

I am also full time journalism instructor at Tarleton State University where I serve as faculty adviser of a 105-year-old student newspaper.

If you believe newspapers are dead, stop by my classroom argue that point with the next generation of brilliant young journalists who are chomping at the bit to do work that matters in their communities.

I am also the director of the Texas Center for Community Journalism where we work with community media companies across the state. We are embedded with the folks doing the hard work in their community’s day-in-and-day out.

So, yeah, it’s personal for me. But it’s also professional and just plain right.

I consider a vote to eliminate newspaper notices to be a vote against me personally.

It is a vote against my hometown, your hometown and the thousands of hometowns across the state being served well by vibrant community newsrooms.

It is a vote against the communities I have the privilege of serving and the students we are entrusting to take over for us soon.

Eliminating newspaper notices is an affront to a business that’s been a civic pillar for your community for longer than any of us have been on this earth. That’s a fact none of us can be cavalier about.

As of press time, we expect the Texas House Inter-governmental Affairs Committee to decide Wednesday whether to approve HB 1080 or kill it.

According to the house.texas.gov, the committee is chaired by Cecil Bell and Erin Zwiener

Committee members include Sheryl Cole, Phillip Cortez, Cassandra Garcia Hernandez, Terri Leo Wilson, David Lowe, Shelley Luther, Jon E. Rosenthal, David Spiller and Carl Tepper.

If you know any of these folks, please reach out and tell how much your community newspaper means to you. Let them know how much you rely on them as your best source for public notices and community information.

Please ask them to not assault your right to know what your elected officials are up to.

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guest column
by austin lewter

A historical look at Alien Enemies Act

Last Wednesday in class we discussed John Adam’s presidency and one of the principal topics were the Alien and Sedition Acts. Then on Friday morning before class started President Trump announced he would use the Alien Enemies Act to deport several South Americans with alleged gang ties. While I thought the class would be thrilled to see that knowledge of history does in fact matter, all it really proved was that I am a history nerd to get so excited. However, with or without my classes’ approval, the use of a law passed under the Adams administration is going to be controversial.

Already a judge has temporarily blocked it usage. What is most interesting is how the media is referring to it as a wartime act, yet historically speaking it was not passed or originally implemented originally during war time.

The controversial Part of the 1798 law in question reads, “That whenever there shall be a declared war between the United States and any foreign nation or government, or any invasion or predatory incursion shall be perpetrated, attempted, or threatened against the territory of the United States, by any foreign nation or government, and the President of the United States shall make public proclamation of the event, all natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the hostile nation or government, being males of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who shall be within the United States, and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured and removed, as alien enemies.” There was no controversy in the past when this law was used, at least about the president’s authority, as America was at war.

The debated part of the law this time is, “or any invasion or predatory incursion shall be perpetrated, attempted, or threatened against the territory of the United States.”

The court will have to decide if that line gives the president authority when we are not at war. When trying to decide, the court often tries to understand the intent of the law at its passage. With that in mind it is worth understanding the

context of the passage of the Alien and Sedition Acts.

When the Acts were passed the world was at war with France. During the French Revolution the people of France rose up and beheaded the king and queen as well as most of the nobility sending them to war with the nations of Europe. While Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson supported an alliance with France, President Washington decided on a course of neutrality as the best way forward for our young nation. Yet in an effort to secure some assistance, the French Revolutionary government sent over a diplomat named Citizen Edmond-Charles Genet.

Genet arrived in Charleston, SC where Jefferson’s Republicans held power and so as Genet was wine dined by supporters he began issuing privateering commissions, basically recruiting Americans to act as pirates in attacking British ships. When Washington told him to cease such activity, Genet ignored the president, flaunting his disobedience, believing the people were on his side. Genet had been hanging in Republicans circles for too long not realizing the respect Washington had. Upsetting Washington’s administration, Genet was recalled to France to answer for his insubordination.

Realizing his head would probably soon be in a basket, Washington allowed him to stay, but damage had been done.

During Adam’s administration the problems with France continued as France and England both attempted to stop the U.S. from trading with the other nation.

Alexander Hamilton and his Federalists wanted to continue our trade relations with England and pushed the president to go to war with France. Wanting to continue a peaceful relationship with France, Adams defied Hamilton and sent over a crack team of



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

diplomats to work on building a relationship with France. The plan backfired.

Not only were our diplomats unable to get an audience with French leaders, but they also required a bribe and several concessions from the U.S. before any talks could commence. In what became known as the XYZ Affair, Federalists used the insult as justification for a Quasi-War with France where American and French ships clashed in the Caribbean.

The Federalists used the anti-French sediment to attack their Republican rivals and as a way to hurt the French and Republicans they passed through congress the Alien and Sedition Acts. Being that most immigrants tended to support the Republicans the Naturalization Act extended the length before applying for citizenship from five to 14 years. The Alien Friends act allowed the president to deport any alien he deemed dangerous. The Alien Enemies act we already covered above. Finally, the Sedition Act criminalized “false, scandalous, and malicious” writings against the government, mainly targeting Republican newspapers. I do not have room to discuss all the consequences and ramifications of these acts, suffice to say there were some real debates as to the constitutionality of these laws, especially the Sedition Act.

In the end Jefferson became president, three of the acts were repealed, but the Alien Enemies Act was deemed important enough to keep. Having the ability to deport non-citizens harming the country was supported by both parties. Over the years the law has been put into action, most notably during WW I and II. Yet if we try to understand the context of when the law was passed and implanted it is important to understand that congress had not declared war.

So, while it may be described as a war powers act today, it was not originally seen that way.

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Remembering days of nickel drinks

I might never have resented my brother if he’d have been born other than in 1944, when Grapette was getting a foothold in our town.

I had enjoyed “only child” perks for seven years, and in first grade observed that my “well-to-do” classmates brought squatly bottles of a purply soda to chase down their ham-and-cheese sandwiches made with real “light bread.” My first brush with Grapette.

Admittedly, I was envious, because my lunch pail usually contained a flop-pity fried egg encased in a holdover breakfast biscuit. On special days, I welcomed the variation of pimiento cheese. My thermos bottle held Kool-Aid, so watered down that it was hard to distinguish between grape and strawberry. The “Grapette kids” might have enjoyed thermoses, too, but that would have precluded “bottle bragging.”

Anyways, on a Saturday morning shopping trip into town for groceries, I tagged along. Displayed in the shadows of well-known 12-ounce brands were several cases of Grapette. Clueless that it was available locally, I had assumed Grapette was imported from Paris or maybe ordered from Neiman-Marcus.

As if to reward my above-average marks in Miss Evrage’s first-grade class, Mom bought a six-bottle carton of the six-ounce extravagance. I was euphoric, eager to open my very first bottle. I drank it slowly--this wonderful beverage that made Kool-Aid (called “polypop” at the time) taste like swamp water. Grapette had to be the refreshment of angels.

I never wanted Kool-Aid again, even though Mom started making it

stronger. Once I overheard her bragging about “Vacation Bible School” Kool-Aid. “The directions call for one packet in two quarts of water,” she prattled. “But at VBS, it makes a gallon.” ...



the idle american
by don newbury

What, you may reasonably inquire, does this have to do with sibling resentment?

Since you asked--or even if you didn’t--already meager budgets tighten with the arrival of a second child. When Fred became a two-year-old, he was rewarded with a sip--just a sip, mind you--of MY Grapette.

I could see it in his eyes; I could hear it from “lip smacks” louder than fights over prize finds at an Easter egg hunt. He, too, was hooked, but the resentment thing didn’t start until our next visit to Piggly-Wiggly....

Racing to the drink aisle, I grabbed a carton of Grapette.

“Put that back, Son,” Mom voiced in a tone not to be considered jocular. “From now on, we’ll buy Pepsi-Cola. Bottles can be shared so each of you will still have six ounces of soda.”

It’s probable that I snarled. I had hoped Mom hadn’t heard the radio commercial: “Pepsi-Cola, hits the spot, 12-ounce bottle, that’s a lot, twice as much for a nickel, too; Pepsi-Cola is the drink for you.” She’d heard it, alright,

even humming the jingle when we passed the Post Toasties. “Don’t even think about that fancy cereal,” she said, apologetically, “You’ll have to make do with biscuits, eggs, sausage and gravy.”....

Grapette never had massive advertising campaigns, but I do remember its big splash on billboards. (Pun intended.)

Maybe if they’d taken a page from the Budweiser ad book they could have capitalized on thinking “inside the box.” Instead of big wagons powered by handsome Clydesdales, they might have used a quartet of goats pulling a little red wagon.

Those “nickel drinks” of the 1940s now cost three or four dollars in restaurants, so look for a Kool-Aid come back. Fearing backlash when soft drink prices went from a nickel to six cents in the 1950s, some restaurateurs kidded about it. Some had signs reading, “Our Drinks Are All Sack Scents.” Another said, “We Don’t Know Where Mom Is, But We Got Pop On Ice.” ...

PepsiCo, pushing healthier beverages, recently purchased Poppi--a prebiotic soda company--for the whopping sum of \$1.95 billion.

As to the resentment thing, I finally accepted “soda-sharing” with my brother, Dr. Fred Newbury, a distinguished economics professor still dispensing knowledge after 53 years at Dallas College’s Richland Campus.

A textbook author, he can buy as much Grapette as he chooses.... Dr. Newbury, a speaker in the Metroplex, may be reached at 817-447-3872, email:newbury@speakerdoc.com.

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Obituaries

Dollins

Ottie Frances Dollins, 85, of Washington, Iowa passed away on March 26, 2025, in Clarendon.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at Robertson Saints Roost Chapel with Rev. Anthony Knowles officiating. Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Ottie was born on September 28, 1939, in Memphis to Robert and Mary Helen (Bland) Williams. She was raised in Clarendon and had five sisters. Ottie married the love of her life, Donald Adams, in November of 1957. They moved to Amarillo in the 60's before settling in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for 40 years. Ottie worked as an apartment manager

during this time. In the early 2000's, she moved to Oklahoma to help care for her sister until her sister passed. She then moved back to her hometown of Clarendon to live close to family for the next 11 years. Since 2021, Ottie has lived with both of her daughters spending time in Rockwall, TX and most recently, Washington, IA.

Ottie loved crossword puzzles, reading, and playing games. She enjoyed listening to music and dancing. Ottie was strong in her Christian faith and loved the Lord. She was a member of the First Assembly of God church in Clarendon. Ottie's favorite thing above all was spending



Dollins

ing time with her grandchildren. She made sure to spend one on one time with each of them.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters, Marie Skaggs, Sandra Latham, Susan Neighbors, and Carolyn Williams.

She is survived by her two daughters, Donna Fordham of Washington, Iowa, and Diana Adams of Tyler, Texas; sister, Rose Smith and husband Curtis of Clarendon; four grandchildren, Karla Bell of Marina, California, Marcia Foster of Rockwall, Texas, Keith Harper of Washington, Iowa, and Elissa Quinn and husband Lloyd of Pittsburg, Texas; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces; and one nephew.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Ottie Dollins to the National Kidney Foundation of Texas at 5429 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75240 or at www.kidney.org.

Head Start Applications for 2025-2026

April 2-3 will be application day.

Head Start is taking applications for the 2025-2026 school year. If your child will be 4 on or before September 1 and meet the qualifications, they will be eligible for the program. Your child will need the following:

Birth Certificate, a copy of their most current well-child exam, a copy of your child's most recent dental record, up to date shot record, and any public assistance.

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The Junior Horse Judging team of Teagan Chesser, Kassie Askew, Emma Howard, and Paisley Jones won the contest at the WT Invitational last week.

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The Donley county 4-H Horse Judging teams competed at WT Invitational last Friday.

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The Junior Livestock judging team of Hunter Wann, Ainslie Lewis, Jensyn Lewis, Jase Conway and Cutter Ashbrook at Clarendon College.

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4-H teams do well at WT, CC

It was a busy weekend for Donley County 4-H judging teams.

The Junior Horse Judging teams traveled to the WT Invitational on Friday, where they did well. Team 1 members Teagan Chesser, Kassie Askew, Emma Howard, and Paisley Jones won the contest and placed individually 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th respectively.

Team 3, Kasie Shields, Alix Roberts, and Clarah Lewis placed 4th as a team, and Team 2 placed 5th with members Addie Snure, Elliott Robertson and Kinze Zongker.

On Saturday, these teams competed in the Clarendon College Invi-

tational with Team 1 again winning the contest, and Team 2 and 3 combined as a team to win 2nd.

Placing in the top 15 individually were Askew 1st, Chesser 3rd, Robertson 4th, Jones 5th, Howard 7th, Shields 8th, Zongker 9th, Snure 10th and Lewis 12th.

The Senior team of Maloree Wann, MaryJo Dushay, and Gracie Ellis placed 1st overall with Wann earning the top spot as an individual followed by Dushay 8th and Ellis 9th. The Junior Livestock judging team of Hunter Wann, Ainslie Lewis, Jensyn Lewis, Jase Conway and Cutter Ashbrook placed 16th overall.

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April 4
Lady Broncos Softball v Quanah • Home • 4:00 p.m.

April 4
Broncos Baseball v Quanah • Home • 4:30 p.m.

April 4 & 5
A Minecraft Movie • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

April 6
A Minecraft Movie • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

April 8
Broncos Baseball v Lockney • Away • 5:00 p.m.

April 8
Broncos Baseball v Lockney • Away • 4:00 p.m.

April 26
Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K • 8:30 a.m. • Donley County Court House • Register online or at The Clarendon Visitor Center

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Menus
April 7 - 11

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken alfredo, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Ham & pinto beans, sweet potatoes, cucumbers & onions, cornbread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Baked tilapia, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, hushpuppies, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Sweet & sour meatballs, Chinese fried rice, ginger carrots, egg rolls, strawberry peach crisp, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Beef soft tacos, refried beans, brown rice, mixed green salad, snickerdoodles, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, loaded mashed potatoes, country style greens, fruit cobbler, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Baked potato bar, brown rice, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger, onion rings, broccoli & cauliflower, mixed green salad, layer bars, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, garden salad, sweet potatoes, fruit, milk.
Tues: Walking taco, veggie cup, beans, dessert, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pizza choice, marinara sauce, broccoli, fruit, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, carrots, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Fri: Chicken parmesan, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, bananas, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Croissant ham & cheese sandwich, peaches, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Maple pancake sausage sandwich, apples, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Waffles, sausage, orange, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Drumstick, garden salad, tomato cup, apples, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, pineapple, cookie, milk.
Wed: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, peaches, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, celery, carrots, chips, mixed fruit, milk.
Fri: Cheesy breadstick, marinara sauce, cinnamon apples, milk.



Patti Page and Paula Johnson were among those participating in the Show & Tell held at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center last week.

DCSC PHOTO

Senior Citizens hold show and tell

Mary's Musings
By Mary Green

I love a good story, and everyone and everything has one. The homeless man on the corner with the cardboard sign stating that he will work for food, the driver of that huge RV with decals and stickers from all over the country, the quiet lady who moved in down the street – they all have stories to tell if there were someone to listen to them.

Last Tuesday, a group of nice people met at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center to enjoy a good meal and simply share some stories from their lives.

Richard said he had a heart attack in 1989, but his story was about the tee shirt from Hooter's restaurant that was covered with Marks-a-Lot well wishes for his recovery from the girls who worked there. A gift from his brother and his sons, finding it in a long-ago stored box brought back memories of a scary time and thoughts of thankfulness for the years since.

Ann showed a beautiful hand knit bolero style sweater that her grandmother had knitted for her to wear to the Clarendon High School Prom decades ago. Her two grandmothers conspired to make sure Ann was modestly attired. The bolero (a short, cropped jacket) has aged to an ivory color with perfect knitted stitches. Several people in the group knew the young man who was Ann's date that night. Sweet memories.

Linda and Larry had items discovered after their parents had passed, including a 1914 US Patent for a self-turning tractor that Linda's grandfather had designed. The patent included schematic, detailed illustrations of how the tractor's mechanisms worked so that at the end of a row, it would automatically turn itself down the next row. The patent was sold, and it is unknown what has become of it since.

Linda showed her mother-in-

law's calendar book that showed the daily activities of a very active couple in their later years. Detailed, mundane events that showed how they progressed through life, interacted with others... and ate out a lot!

Charlene held up an 1800's canning jar with an envelope sealed in it. It, along with other antiques, had been stolen from her home years before. She thought it was gone forever, when serendipity stepped in. She and Butch were visiting an antique collecting nephew in another town miles from their home. The nephew was showing off some of his latest finds when Charlene spotted the jar he had purchased from a local dealer. It was hers! Proof was in the pudding of the envelope sealed in the jar. It was a handwritten note, dated and signed by her great grandmother! What are the odds?

Ever the storyteller as well as a poet, Butch read from a book of his published poems. The poem told of the agony of a youth growing up on a farm where work was never ending and his father, a farmer with stoic discipline, instilled this work ethic on a then, unappreciative teen. Oh, how he would love to work alongside his father again!

Paula had me biting my lips in worry for her great granddaughter! She displayed an empty bag of frozen blueberries and told how those blueberries led to a harrowing few days after the child devoured nearly the entire bag, capped off with M&Ms. Torn between snickering at that outcome and then cringing at the symptoms that came on later, we all felt great relief when the true culprit behind the little girl's painful ailment was revealed. Ask Paula.

San played stand-up comedian very well. He told a few stories that brought much laughter and then explained how Parkinson's sometimes affects his thought to word process. But it was not evident this evening.

Jean brought some examples of her beautiful mosaic works of art. She explained the process she follows, starting with a wooden shape and filling it with colorful glass, ceramic, and jeweled remains of former items. Broken ceramic songbirds perch again and sing to jeweled fields of glass and mirrors and miscellaneous found objects. She uses grout to keep them in place. There was a beautifully done cross that would grace any wall, as well as a fun, but happy pig. When she was working, Jean saw an example of this kind of art and taught herself after she retired.

Patty showed us a treasured old candy tin from the 1930s. Her dad had wooed her mother and his future mother-in-law with a tin of sweets. Inside the tin were actual parts from the 1930s automobile (Sorry, I forgot the year) that he drove at that time. There was the car's ash tray that had been bolted to the door and the actual hood ornament! Remember when they were prized and unique?

Denise and Roy and Mary all shared things from their pasts. Denise wore and passed around the yellow, but not genuine, sapphire ring that her sister thought she wanted until she found out it wasn't valuable. Roy showed two toys that many of us had played with back in the day, and Mary talked about losing on Jeopardy.

There were a few moist eyes in the crowd as Jerry spoke of the recovery of a grandchild, and Sam reminded us how important our time together is. Sharing little pieces of our lives lets us get to know one another and care for one another.

Many years ago, I believe it was on Rod Serling's Twilight Zone or, maybe, One Step Beyond, a group of scientists had found a way to hear the sounds in inanimate objects. They took a lava stone and listened to the eruption of Vesuvius. Just think if rocks could talk!

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Hedley UIL advances

Hedley ISD competed in the high school UIL Academic Meet on March 25. Congratulations to Maddie Moore for advancing to Regionals in Calculator and John Holt for advancing to Regionals in Computer Science. Regionals will be held at South Plains College.

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Hedley Junior High track team members won awards at the district meet in White Deer.

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Hedley Junior High wraps up track season

The Hedley Junior High boys and girls track teams ended their season on a high note March 25, bringing home 11 medals, including five gold, six ribbons, and several personal records at the district meet in White Deer.

All season, the athletes showed growth, heart, and competitive spirit in every event. Coaches expressed immense pride in their accomplishments.

In the sprint events, Alex Garcia finished seventh in the boys' 100-meter run with a personal record of 13.35 seconds, while Josue Prieto placed 13th with a PR of 14.90. For the girls, Liberty Carter secured eighth place with a PR of 15.68, and Bailey Curry finished 15th at 16.58. In the 200-meter run, Garcia placed fifth with a PR of 28.52, and Prieto took ninth at 31.56. Carter and Curry competed in the girls' 200, finishing eighth (35.09) and ninth (35.41), respectively.

The 400-meter run saw Garcia claim second place with a PR of 1:03.85, followed by Damien Alston in seventh (1:08.24 PR) and Jose Martinez in 11th (1:13.12 PR). On the girls' side, Nayeli Rodriguez placed sixth, setting a PR of 1:14.50. In the 800-meter run, Maddex Gay recorded a PR of 2:58, while Martinez clocked in at 2:52. Rodriguez dominated the girls' race, taking first with a PR of 2:49.78.

In the hurdle events, Lily Stasio

earned second place in the 100-meter hurdles with a PR of 19.52, while Traci Love finished seventh with a PR of 25.54. Love also placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles, setting a PR of 1:14.50.

The distance events were a strong point for Hedley. In the 1,600-meter run, Kutter O'Keefe placed second with a PR of 6:06.56, followed by Noah Tindell in sixth (6:52.59 PR) and Paul Berry in eighth (7:23.32 PR). Stasio claimed first place in the 1,200-meter run with a time of 5:00.68. O'Keefe also secured second place in the 2,400-meter run with a time of 10:01.34, while Tindell placed fifth (11:00.68 PR) and Berry finished sixth (11:20.72 PR). Stasio dominated on the girls' side, winning the event with a time of 10:25.01.

In field events, Gay achieved a PR of 25 feet, 5 inches in the triple jump. Stasio placed third in the girls' long jump (12-10.5) and third in the high jump, setting a PR of 4-2. In throwing events, Prieto excelled in shot put, winning first place with a PR of 37-2.25, while O'Keefe placed ninth with a PR of 25-1. Prieto also won the discus event with a throw of 110-7, and O'Keefe finished seventh with a PR of 66-10.

The Hedley Junior High athletes closed out their season with outstanding performances, setting multiple personal bests and securing top finishes at the district level.

Donley County Senior Citizens acquires new van

By Denise Bertrand, DCSC Director

The Donley County Senior Citizens is pleased to say that we have a new delivery van. The 2023 Ford Transit was purchased with a grant from the Brumley Foundation.

Dependable vans are necessary because we deliver over 100 meals every day Monday thru Friday. We are blessed to have volunteers to make the deliveries.

Tuesday night, March 25, everyone enjoyed a "Show & Tell" event organized by Mary and Richard Green. The "Show & Tell" included interesting stories from family heirlooms, Great Grandchildren's escapades to Cowboy Poetry.

Upcoming events include: Game day every Tuesday afternoon, Bingo on the 3rd Thursday of every month and exercise class on Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Meals and activities are open to everyone. Please come join us.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Narrow piece of wood

5. African desert

11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks

12. Sour

16. Infrequent

17. Former AL MVP Vaughn

18. Policemen wear one

19. Out of the question

24. Used to chop

25. Symptoms

26. Not moving

27. Folk singer DiFranco

28. Comedian Armissen

29. Quantitative fact

30. Incline from vertical

31. Scottish musician

33. Rooney and Kate are two

34. Positioned
38. A very short time

39. Tropical American shrubs

40. Yemen capital

43. Spanish municipality

44. Medical professionals

45. Fibrous material

49. Confined condition (abbr.)

50. Without covering

51. "Mad Men" honcho Don

53. Hockey position

54. Taste property

56. Fertile spots in a desert

58. They precede C

59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared

60. Try a criminal case

63. Liberal rights organization

64. Spoke

65. Insect repellent

CLUES DOWN

1. Unshaven facial hair

2. More thin

3. Show up

4. Seethed

5. Ancient Greek city

6. Poisonous plant

7. Hello

8. College sports official

9. Monetary unit of Russia

10. Wings

13. Take too much of a substance

14. A citizen of Uganda

15. Most appealing

20. Atomic #18

21. Global investment bank (abbr.)

22. Jewish calendar month

23. Popular sandwich

27. Swiss river

29. Incorrect letters

30. Popular entree

31. Foot (Latin)

32. A driver's license is one form
33. Extinct flightless bird

34. Appetizer

35. After battles

36. It neutralizes alkalis

37. Beverage container

38. Partner to "Pa"

40. Gray American rail

41. Salt of acetic acid

42. Canadian province

44. Dish made with lentils

45. Narrative poem of popular origin

46. For each one

47. Come to terms

48. Test

50. More dishonorable

51. Unit of loudness

52. The Ocean State

54. Monetary unit in Mexico

55. Lying down

57. Thus

61. Where LA is located

62. Western State



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By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos raised the bar on the field last week with big wins over Memphis and Floydada. The Broncos took care of the Cyclones 7-5 and defeated the Whirlwinds 19-12.

The Broncos surged at the right time in the fifth to take a one-run lead after the Cyclones tied the score at three all in the fourth inning. Mason Allred was on the mound and earned the win. In his time on the mound, the senior allowed three hits, five runs, two walks, and struck out nine batters. Allred threw 101 pitches in the game and 57 were strikes.

Mason Sims came in as relief for two innings and hit the strike zone 17 times out of 25 pitches finishing with one hit and three strikeouts.

After the Cyclones took the early lead with two runs in the opening inning, the Broncos got down to business scoring three runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Allred was able to single to score one run and Hudson Howard slammed a double to score two runs. They allowed Memphis only one run in the fourth. However, the fifth inning was a test for patience and the Broncos came through with flying colors after a double from Sims, then a single, and another single from Braylon Rice.

Allred also had some success at the plate as well going three for four with three hits and two RBI. His hits

included two singles, and four doubles. Colton Caudle and Rice each had a single in the game and Sims and Bryce Williams each popped a double handing everything they could to the Cyclones.

Designated Hitter Kreed Robinson came through for the Broncos posting two runs. He also had three stolen bases, while Rice took two, and Caudle and Parker Haynes finished with on each of the seven total team free bases.

The Broncos then took advantage of a huge second inning to send a message to the Floydada team in their 19-12 win. The Broncos accumulated 10 hits in the game to only eight for the Whirlwinds.

Shane Hagood had a great day at the plate and knocked down a triple in the opening inning to score two runs. He then hit a two-run home run to left field in the fourth that also scored two runs.

Caudle was in charge for 4.1 innings on the mound and struck out seven with as many base on balls. Half of his 107 pitchers were strikes. Sims came in to relieve Caudle for the remainder of the game in the middle of the fifth inning and finished the game with 38 strikes out of 71 pitches.

The Broncos will take on Quanah on April 4 at home beginning at 4:30 p.m. and travel to Lockney April 8 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Cummins hot on the hill in win over Memphis

By Sandy Anderberg

Senior hurler Kennadie Cummins showed up against the Lady Cyclones as they continued their district schedule getting the 14-1 win against Memphis last week.

Cummins faced better after battery stopping them with an impressive 14 strike-outs in five innings. Cummins threw 60 pitches and 46

of those hit the strike zone with no errors or walks in the win.

As a team, the Lady Broncos posted 12 hits for the day and collected six stolen bases with K. Cummins, Tandie Cummins, and Shelbi Coles sharing two bases each. K. Cummins and sister T. Cummins, and Maloree Wann had the hot bats snagging one home run each.

Hayden Elam was on fire as well and slammed three doubles with one RBI and three runs. Elliot Frausto also had some action at the plate where she tripled in the opening inning with one out to score the Cummins girls to go up 3-0.

T. Cummins' home run came in inning two to score one. K. Cummins homered in the fifth for two runs and

Wann earned her homer before the inning ended for two runs.

The Lady Cyclones did manage to connect for a home run in the fifth for their only run of the game.

The Lady Broncos will face Quanah on April 4 at home beginning at 11:00 a.m. and travel to Lockney April 8 with the first pitch thrown at 5:00 p.m.

CHS runners compete at Childress in Bobcat Relays

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos and Lady Broncos traveled to Childress to participate in the Bobcat Relays last week. Long distance runner Madi Benson had a good day and finished in second place in both the 800m and 1600m races.

Benson posted a time of 2:28.38 and 5:40.19 in the events. Benson also ran a leg of the 800m relay with Berkley Moore, Kenidee Hayes, and Gracie Ellis that placed third with a time of 1:54.89.

Moore, Hayes, Ellis, and

Sequoia Weatherton ran the 400m relay for eighth place at a time of 55.77.

Kate Shaw performed well in the shot put and posted a throw of 29'11 1/2" for third place.

Addy Havens was fourth in the 1600m run with a time of 5:56.84 and sixth in the 400m run with a time of 1:06.44. Mary Jo Dushay ran the 400m as well and finished in a time of 1:26.57 for 13th place.

Emmarie Holland was fifth in the 800m and sixth in the 1600m run with times of 2:43.95 and 6:08.80

respectively.

Weatherton was 16th in the 100m dash at 14.77 and 11th in the 200m at 30.25, and Lexi Phillips was 15th in the 200m with a time of 32.34.

The Varsity Broncos finished ninth as a team. Kaleb Mays ran strong at the meet and was third in the 100m with a time of 11.57, which was just .35 off the first-place pace. He also was sixth in the 200m at 23.81. Kyler Bell was 16th in the 400m at 59.50, and Tristen Ybarra was sixth in the 1600m and

the 3200m run. Ybarra's times were 5:25.39 and 12:23.00.

The JV Broncos finished in eighth place as a team with Dakotah Jameson finishing fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5'2". Jameson and Markael Anderson, Tyler Cavanaugh, and Don'Jac Or ran the sprint relay in a time of 50.92 for seventh place.

Anderson was sixth in the 100m at 12.42 and sixth in the long jump with a distance of 17'. Cavanaugh was 12th in the 400m crossing the finish line at 1:02.07.

Bruce, Hogle top field for CJH in track meet

The Clarendon Junior High Colts and Lady Colts competed in the Whirlwind Relays last week and came home with good results.

Eighth grader Brilynn Bruce managed to win four different races and one field event to help the seventh grade Lady Colts finish high in the meet. The 800m relay was fifth at a time of 2:16.79 and was run by Moore, McDuffie, Hanks, and Hogle.

Bruce won first in the 100m with a time of 13.68, first in the 200m at 28.20, and first in the 400m finishing in a time of 1:05.58. Bruce jumped 15'6" in the long jump to earn first. Fellow seventh grader Linley Hogle won the 1600m run with a time of 6.52 and was second in the 800m at 4:09.23.

Kialla McDuffie placed eighth in the 100m at 15.99, eighth in the 200m with a time of 33.29, and fourteenth in the long jump with a leap of 13'. Adleigh Moore was 10th in the 200m at 33.73 and third in the long jump at a distance of 14'. Haven King was 19th in the 200m (37.63), 11th in the 400m (1:25.35), and sixth in the triple jump at 26' 8". Laityn Hanks was eighth in the 400m with a time of 1:22.89 and Brooklyn Parham was 13th in the 400m finishing in 1:26.31.

The eighth grade Colts took third place in the 400m relay in the Whirlwind Relay crossing the finish line in a time of 50.22. Jaquan Weatherton, TJ Smith, Paxton English, and Braxton Gribble each ran a leg in the relay. Rustin Wade, Brance Bell, Josh Holt, and Smith finished the 800m relay in a time of 2:00.98 for sixth place.


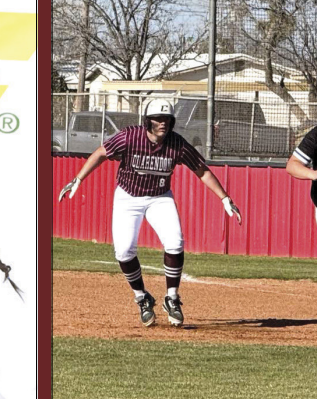

Smith finished second in the long jump at 18' 3", and was third in the 400m at 1:03.60 and Holt was seventh in the shot put at 32' 3 1/2" for seventh place. English placed third in the high jump at a height of 5'2 1/4", seventh in the long jump with a leap of 17', sixth in the 100m at 13.76, and seventh in the 200m with a time of 27.80.

Brentley Gaines was 13th in the 400m at 1:15.17 and seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 32'8". Teagan Chesser did a good job in the 1600m with a time of 7:32 for seventh place.

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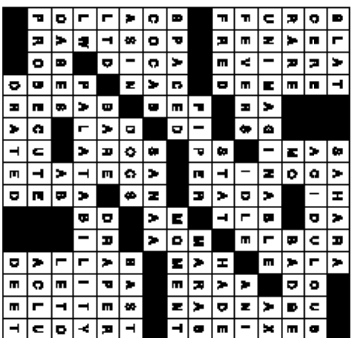
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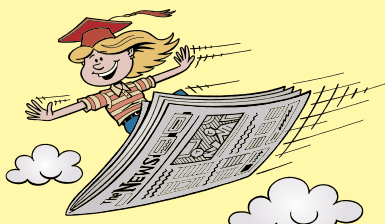
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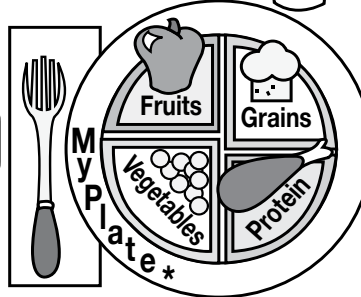
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When families plan menus together we can choose our favorite meals. When we shop together we can look for the freshest foods – vegetables and fruits – and everyone can choose the kinds that he likes the most. By checking labels on packages, we can learn which foods have the best ingredients. When we cook at home we can adjust our recipes to use small amounts of healthful oils, salt or sugar. Some families are steaming or baking part of their favorite meals.

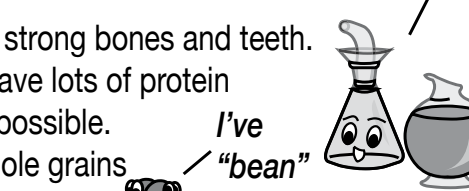
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A mother’s plea: Put down the phone, save a life

Distracted driving was the second-most common factor in traffic crashes last year

Maria Espinoza never imagined a routine walk to school with her 6-year-old son would turn into a life-altering tragedy.

But in an instant, a distracted driver jumped the curb, striking her son and trapping him beneath the vehicle. He spent six months in a coma, with doctors warning he might never walk or talk again.

Years later, Maria’s son has defied the odds - relearning how to walk, talk and even eat.

He’s studying to become a physical therapist, determined to help others recover just as he did. And Maria is on a mission: asking everyone to pay attention behind the wheel.

“We don’t want this to happen to any other family. We want to save lives and create responsibility,” Espinoza said. “If I take the responsibility and you take the responsibility today, that will make a difference.”



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 1, 2025, with Boss Lion Richard Green in command.

We had fifteen Lions present, one attending virtually, Sweetheart Lauren Cenicerros, and one guest – Laura Shortnacy – guest of Lion Chuck Roberston.

Lion Chuck gave an update from Saturday’s fire department event and stated this year was busier than last year and ran out of meat which required them to find additional meat making the event a successful outcome.

Lion Tex Buckhaults gave an update on the invitational judging contest event Saturday at the college and stated just under 2,800 were in attendance and had 12 additional events with great outcome. They appreciated those who attended.

Boss Lion Richard Green gave an update on the six-man scramble at the Clarendon Country Club Saturday, which had 132 players. The Lions District Conference is this weekend and will be in Hereford and registration is online. Lion Roger Estlack stated early registration for the 5K has been extended until 5pm today and still working on sponsorships. Late registrations will continue through the morning of the event. We have a current total of 48 registrations with 20 from the clinic! Lion John Howard gave an update about his schooling and reported on grant writing.

Update from Lion Anndria Newhouse about a blood drive April 8 from 1 to 6 at Lowe’s parking lot and Lion Ted Shaller requested anyone interested in some support for a community member’s medical expenses to contact. Lion Larry Capranica updated the club about the weekend of Palm Sunday service April 13 at 6pm at Community Fellowship.

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“Everyone knows they should focus while driving, but too many people still take their eyes off the road to check a text, fiddle with their dashboard or grab a bite to eat,” TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. “We want to make it clear: no text or call is worth a life.”

Texting while driving isn’t just risky; it’s against the law. In Texas, anyone caught reading, writing, or sending a text while driving faces a fine of up to \$200. Many cities have even stricter laws, banning all handheld device use while driving.

Stay safe: simple steps to avoid

distractions

TxDOT urges all drivers to follow these safety tips: Stay focused – Keep both hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Put your phone away – Use “Do not Disturb” mode while driving. Pull over if needed – If you must send a message, stop in a safe place first. Experience the dangers firsthand

To drive this message home, TxDOT’s Talk. Text. Crash. campaign will be hitting the road, bringing a driving simulator to cities across Texas. This interactive exhibit lets visitors experience just how quickly distractions can lead to disaster. Talk. Text. Crash. is an important part of TxDOT’s Drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe.

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